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Beyond ‘Beowulf’

‘Rare’ movie to be part of public conference

By Julie Morss
Staff Reporter

“Beowulf” was the predecessor for J.R.R. Tolkien’s works. Many of the ideas for “The Lord of the Rings” and “The Hobbit” came from “Beowulf,” for example the dragon guarding the treasure and the hero having to fight for it.

“Beowulf” is an epic poem composed between the middle of seventh and end of 10th century in Old English. “Beowulf” is a tale of a man who encounters monsters throughout his life as a nobleman and a king.

The poem starts off with a young Beowulf who wins prestige after his encounter with Grendel and ends with the fatal encounter with the dragon. The poem is filled with themes of loyalty, bravery, kinship, foreshadowing, comitatus code, humility and gift giving.

“Lovers of great books are invited to the 2006 EIU Literature Conference, featuring the epic Anglo-Saxon poem ‘Beowulf,’” said Audrey Edwards, professor in the secondary education and foundation department.

The conference will start off with a showing of “Beowulf and Grendel” at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Most people who have heard of “Beowulf” have read it from Beowulf’s perspective, but in 1988, John Gardner wrote a novel titled “Grendel” showing the events from Grendel’s perspective.

“The movie can be seen from both perspectives,” said David Raybin, professor of English and comparative medieval literature.

The movie is a Canadian production that was filmed in Iceland.

“It is an extremely rare film to be seen on the big screen,” Raybin said in response to its being widely released in Canada on DVD and the fact that it will never be released in the United States.

Raybin cautions that some scenes in the unrated film depict sex, violence and rough language.

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CAMPUS | CAR FIRE



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Captain Tim Meister of the Charleston Fire Department opens the hood of a car that caught fire Wednesday evening in the parking lot across from Taylor Hall. Meister was on the forefront of putting out the fire and was first to open the hood of the car. “I’m just taking care of my boys,” Meister said.

Flames sear car in lot W

By Cathy Bayer
Senior Campus Reporter

Flames engulfed the front of a ’99 Grand Prix when the fire department arrived in the W lot in front of Taylor Hall.

Amie Calvert, of Charleston, was jogging around the Panther Trail before 5 p.m. Wednesday when she thought she saw smoke across the pond.

By the time she came around the loop, the car was in flames.

“It’s just something you don’t see every day,” Calvert said.

Police and Charleston Fire and Rescue arrived and extinguished the fire.

The fire department used a hatchet to hack open the car’s hood. They flooded the engine and disconnected the car’s battery.

After the flames were out, the police left a message on the owner’s cell phone.

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Senate approves buses to game

Vote also taken on faculty, student WebCT use by 2007

By Matt Hopf
Student Government Reporter

Three buses will be transporting students to the Eastern football game at Tennessee-Martin.

The Student Senate approved the three buses, originally five on the bill, for \$4,565.85, which is about \$4,000 less than the original request.

Football co-captains Vincent Webb Jr. and Tristan Burge and offensive tackle Eric Johnson spoke to the Student Senate.

They asked members to



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Football co-captains Vincent Webb Jr., center, and Tristan Burge listen to senior offensive tackle Eric Johnson, ask the Student Senate to approve funds for buses to take students to this weekend’s game at Tennessee-Martin. The two resolutions were passed unanimously.

support sending students to the game.

“It will be a great help for us,” Webb said.

About 200 students will be able to attend the game for free as the athletics department will be paying for the tickets.

Having grades and syllabi available on WebCT has received support of the Student Senate.

With a 21-5-2 vote, the Student Senate is requesting that all faculty post grades and syllabi on WebCT or another online system.

Dave Keyes, student vice president for academic affairs, and Student Body President Sean Anderson gave a presentation on WebCT.

The presentation showed that more than 50 percent of faculty at Georgia State and Villanova University offers more than 1,169 courses on WebCT.

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My city tis of thee

Global identity shifting from nations to cities

By Ashley Rueff
Senior University Reporter

Picture an Olympic athlete standing on the winners’ podium waving the flag of her city, rather than her country. That was the image Bruce Stanley, provost and professor of Huron University in London, used as an example of a changing globe Wednesday afternoon during a forum hosted by the International Program Office. Stanley, a teacher of international relations at Huron University, in London, presented the idea that power is shifting away from countries to other entities like cities. “The world is going in such a way that we will have multiple

identities,” Stanley said. “The kind of a national box is breaking down.” His lecture presented the idea that there are global cities that mainly operate independently of their countries like London, New York and Tokyo, describing the shift in global organization as “post-national.” “The argument can be made that states are less important than they have been in the past,” Stanley said. “State-centric framing misses much of the global political economy.” Cities used to be seen more as foundations and organizations of society, but somewhere along the line power transferred to states. Stanley said the power is starting to shift back. “There is this network of cities in which the states are based,” Stanley said. And cities want to be recognized as global cities and hubs of global

interaction. They work to be accessible and appealing to more than the immediate geography around them. “We’ve got to have two Hilton’s because that’s what the people want,” is the ideology of the global cities, Stanley said. “The concept of political space seems to be changing, and how it is organized geographically.” The United Nations is looking to global cities as a development strategy of connecting the cities. Many cities are connecting with sister-cities to foster development and help work on similar issues like parking problems or post-conflict development. Amber Parker, a junior sociology major, attended the lecture for her social strategies class where they had been discussing the issue. “The most interesting thing for me was the major cities around the world,” she said.

CITY | FESTIVAL OF FRIGHTS



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Festival of Frights contest winner Stella Herman, of Charleston, puts away some of her decorations in anticipation of rain. "I used to put up the decorations for my kids, but now I do it for my grandchildren," she said.

City celebrates Halloween

Festival of Frights hosted for second year at Morton Park

By Nicole Weskerna
Staff Reporter

Charleston is hosting the second Festival of Frights, a collaboration of spooky events that extends throughout October. Lori Bumpus, Festival of Frights committee member, said the festival started last year. The actual festival was held at Morton Park here in Charleston last Saturday. “We had a great success,” Bumpus said. “We had blow-up toys and lots of games for children to play, which was all free for the families.” Bumpus also said about 100 children participated in the kiddie tractor pull held by the Arcola Jaycees. Pumpkin decorating, a costume contest, food and crafts were also part of the festival. Charleston’s Festival of Frights may still be getting off the ground, but Bumpus said the committee is expanding and they have big plans for next year. “We are just trying to give Charleston something else for families to do. Next year, we are going to try and make it bigger and better and have more vendors and more entertainment throughout the day,” Bumpus said. This year’s entertainment was the Barbershop Singers and a band called Sourjoined.

“The reason for the festival is that we wanted to be able to give the city of Charleston an opportunity for the families to come out and enjoy all the activities that we had to offer,” Bumpus said. One of the Halloween activities was a house-decorating contest. Jan Weaver, one of two judges for the decorating contest, said she looked for originality, technology, creativity and lighting on the houses. Houses were judged Oct. 18 during the evening. The winners of the contest were Jim and Stella Herman, who did not wish to disclose their address. They received a \$100 Home Depot gift card donated by Real Estate Unlimited, Inc. “(The first place winners) really went all out,” Weaver said. “They had several different displays all around the yard and even in a neighboring yard.” Stella Herman said it took her about three or four days to decorate her home. “I put up some lights and made some decorations,” Herman said. “I enjoy the children seeing (the decorations), and I have grandchildren who like it.” The second place winner was Nick Galloway, 13. He won a four-pack of tickets to the Ashmore Estates haunted house donated by Lightspeed Networks. “I wanted to see if I had the chance to win,” Galloway said. “I really wanted to tickets to Ashmore Estates.” Galloway said it took him about a week to decorate the house, and this is the first year he participated in the house-decorating contest.

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Online gaming addictions have increased because of the rapid growth of technology. The group affected the most by this addiction is males from ages 15 to 22. “They use the game as a way of coping with something missing in their real lives,” said Kimberly Young, director for the Center for Online Addiction and netaddiction.com.

Game addiction

Online gaming addiction gaining credibility

By Brandon Campbell
Associate Online Editor

Chris Walden, junior journalism major and *Daily Eastern News* copy editor, is 20 years old and describes himself as addicted to the popular online computer game *World of Warcraft*, which has an estimated seven million active users worldwide.

Walden attributes slipping grades, a break-up of a girlfriend and strain on his relationship with his father to his video game addiction.

“I’m handling the game itself pretty well, but I’m not handling the rest of real life very easily,” Walden said. “I’m embarrassed to say it, but I haven’t seen a single A in any of my classes yet.”

Walden has been visiting counselors on and off since high school for his excessive game playing but has yet to find successful treatment.

For many college students, online video games can offer a fun and relaxing escape from the stress in their daily lives. For others, online games have become a way of life, often times leading an individual to describe themselves as a “gamer.”

There exists, however, a minority of college students and gamers like Walden who, some say, are addicted to the games they play.

“We get all ages. People from 40 to 50 years old with Internet and gaming addictions, but a lot more are college kids,” said Bob Stenander, corporate services clinician with the Illinois Institute for Addiction Recovery at Proctor Hospital in Peoria.

Although Eastern does not currently have an Internet or online gaming addiction counseling program, counselor Mike Tozer

KIMBERLY YOUNG | THE CENTER FOR ONLINE ADDICTION

“I see it as a real problem, mainly because I receive so many calls from families troubled by online gaming addiction.”

asserts the Counseling Center is more than willing to accommodate for the growing trend.

“If we had enough people coming forward, we’d start a program for game addiction,” Tozer said.

“We are aware that it’s hard for people to talk about these problems, but we’re more than open to deal with them.”

In order to be considered legitimately addicted, a professional with a clear understanding of addiction must diagnose an individual.

“These addictions are process addictions as opposed to chemical,” Stenander said.

“They are caused by repeated behaviors. Whether it’s video games, Internet or online gambling, these addictions must meet the criteria for impulse control disorders as set forth in the (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders).”

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, or DSM-IV, is the handbook published by the American Psychiatric Association used in diagnosing mental disorders such as addiction. The DSM-IV describes impulse disorders as “the failure to resist an impulse, drive or temptation to perform an act that is harmful to the person or others.”

Those addicted to online games have been reported to disregard aspects of their personal lives in favor of the virtual world presented by their game of choice.

“They’re spending all of their time in the fantasy world. They could be neglecting schoolwork, relationships with real people

such as a spouse or their children. Sometimes they just stop socializing all together,” said Liz Woolley, founder of Online Gamers Anonymous, or Olganon.

Woolley started her non-profit organization to help addicted gamers after her son Shawn committed suicide in 2001 because of, she said, events in the online game *EverQuest*.

While authoritative empirical investigations on video game addiction are few, available information suggests the average age of video game players is actually higher than the mythic adolescent-gamer stereotype and that those who are at risk for addictive game play patterns are marginal.

According to an article published in August 2006 from the *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*, the majority of online gamers, 85 percent, are male and the “majority of players are adult (around two-thirds of players are older than 19 years).”

The same article suggests gamers who play for more than 50 hours a week ran the risk of addiction, while those who played for more than 30 hours were described as “dedicated gamers.”

Nicholas Yee, a researcher and student studying for his PhD in the Communications Department at Stanford, has been conducting research on the demographics and effects of online games for the past five years.

His research has shown that a minority of gamers, around 8 to 9 percent of the 5,530 people he surveyed, actually spent more than 40 hours a week playing online games with the average gamer

FAST FACTS

»To experience game addiction through a gamer’s eyes read a profile on Chris Walden at pounceonline.com.

spending 22.71 hours per week in game.

Mark D. Griffiths, professor of gambling studies at Nottingham Trent University, has, according to his profile, “published more papers and articles on gambling and computer games than any other academic in the UK” and would seem to agree with Yee in that game addiction appears to affect a small portion of online gamers.

In an article co-authored by Griffiths and Mark N. O. Davies in 2005, they claimed there is a lack of qualitative, in-depth fieldwork in the area of game addiction and wrote:

“As a consequence, none of the surveys to date conclusively show that video game addiction exists or is problematic to anyone but a small minority.”

Dr. Kimberly Young, director for the Center for Online Addiction and netaddiction.com, however, feels online game addiction is legitimate.

“I see it as a real problem, mainly because I receive so many calls from families troubled by online gaming addiction,” she said.

Young described the typical addicted gamer.

“Mostly, they are young males in the ages of 15-22 who are highly intelligent, usually bored with school, and use gaming as a way of escaping other problems in their lives such as being socially awkward or suffering from depression,” she said.

“They use the game as a way of coping with something missing in their real lives,” Young said.

As the popularity of online gaming continues to rise, it would seem so might the need for game addiction services and research.

policereport

» On Oct. 17 it was reported that a cordless presenter was stolen from a Lumpkin Hall lab.

A incident of Disorderly Conduct was reported Oct. 13. The incident is under investigation.

An incident of Criminal Damage to Property was reported Oct. 17. It was reported that a blue Toyota had been keyed while parked in X lot on Eastern’s campus.

Possession of Cannabis - Oct. 20. Referred to the EIU Judicial Affairs Office and the WIU Judicial Affairs Office.

Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer / Resist, Obstruct, Disarm an Officer / Disorderly Conduct / Minor Consumption of Alcohol - On Oct. 21 Edward J. Haywood, 19, Chicago, was arrested at 12:28 a.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on the Eastern campus on the charges listed above.

Public Urination - Oct. 21 Referred to the Judicial Affairs Office.

Criminal Trespass to State Supported Property / Obstructing Justice / Obstructing a Peace Officer / Aggravated Battery - On Oct. 23 Robert D. Oneal, 20, Chicago was arrested at 12:22 p.m. at Lawson Hall on Eastern’s campus on the charges listed above.

campusbriefs

Sigma Kappa to sponsor sand volleyball tournament

» The brisk October air is perfect for sand volleyball — at least some think so, if it’s for a worthy cause.

Sigma Kappa is sponsoring Sandblast, a volleyball tournament, in Greek Court today from 4 to 7 p.m.

Fraternities on campus have been invited to compete in the three-day tournament. Each fraternity team pays \$50 to enter, and \$25 for each additional team.

The winners will be awarded with a trophy. The event is free and open for the public to watch.

Greek week applications now available in Student Life Office

» Applications to chair Greek Week 2007 are now available in the Student Life Office.

Applicants should have at least a 2.5 GPA and have experienced at least one Greek Week. Applications are due Nov. 2, and two chairs will be hired. Preference is given to upperclassmen.

Students interested in chairing the rest of the steering committee can pick up applications Nov. 6.

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ourview

ISSUE | University makes a deal with faculty before students and classes suffer

Students appreciate no strike

Negotiators for Eastern and its faculty union came to a tentative contract agreement last week. Barring any sort of hang-ups when the union and the Board of Trustees examine the contract, Eastern's looming labor problems seem to have been solved. The *Daily Eastern News* thanks both sides for their hard work, and thanks them most of all for coming to an agreement with no disruption to the students and their classes. This comes as a bit of a surprise. As negotiations went along, it became clear on both sides that progress just was not being made. Meeting after meeting went by with comparatively little news to report. It cannot be said that all the disputes boiled down to money, but the university's insistence that budgets were tight was very difficult to reconcile with the faculty's insistence that they should be given wage increases that would keep their salaries level with inflation. A federal mediator was brought in, and both sides agreed to keep quiet about negotiations as they were ongoing. A steady trickle of rumors around campus said that progress was not being made. "Contract Now!" and other pro-faculty signs sprouted up around campus. The word "strike" was mentioned just often enough to make graduating seniors uncomfortable. And then word came out of the blue that a tentative agreement could be reached. The *Daily Eastern News* is glad that both sides are happy with the new deal, at least for the moment. But as students, we are a lot more happy that classes will go on, uninterrupted. To stop classes would have been to undermine the fundamental reason the university exists. It would have been no different than the *DEN* voluntarily not reporting events around campus that the students need to know. If we do that, then why are we even here? The negotiation teams, with the backing of their respective sides, led by Charles Delman and Bob Wayland, had a difficult task set to them. Still, they met the challenge last week. Thanks, guys. We appreciate it.

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COLUMNIST | NORA MABERRY

Students need to take a STAND

One organization is willing to do something about hundreds of innocent people dying each day. STAND, Students Taking Action Now for Darfur, was started in 2004 at Georgetown University. The organization focuses on educating students on Darfur, raising relief funds and advocating political action by lawmakers. There are 200 STAND chapters nationwide. These include high schools and universities. The University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign has one a chapter, as does Western Illinois University, which is about the same size as Eastern. STAND chapters do fundraisers, sell T-shirts and work with the national STAND chapter to make sure their fundraisers and information campaigns actually work. Why should Eastern start a STAND chapter? For the most part we're a bunch of apathetic middle-class kids from the Midwest. The Darfur conflict doesn't affect us, right? Wrong. We were lucky enough to be born in the most free, most peaceful country in the world. When was the last time any of us had to worry about a militia coming into our house and raping and killing half our family in horrific and gruesome ways? 2.5 million people have been displaced since 2003. A quarter of a million people have been killed. As citizens of a global community that is growing closer by the day, we have the responsibility to help those who cannot help themselves. The people in Darfur cannot help themselves. We as Americans spend all our time worrying about how much weight Britney Spears has lost or why Bush said "the Google" instead of "Google" during an interview. However, it's obviously not important to worry about how 2.5 million people will get food considering as of Sunday the UN envoy to Darfur was expelled from the country due to comments he made on his personal blog. Let me make it simple for you: Things are not getting better in Darfur. Things will get worse. An article by Reuters reported that the director for the U.N. World Food Program in Sudan, Kenro Oshidari, said the U.N. envoy's expulsion would leave the WFP without anyone to coordinate what is its largest aid program, of about \$700 million, with other U.N. activities in Sudan. That means that there will be no way to ensure that the U.N workers who are dispersing food will be safe. If they aren't safe, they can't disperse food. That means millions may starve. Eastern students need to start caring. We need to write letters to our U.S. Senators. I would recommend Senator Obama, who has taken on the cause of Darfur. In mid October he called for, "more leadership than we have taken in forming an international protective force in Darfur." Send him a letter. Let him know that his constituents care about the issue. (While you're at it, urge him to run for president). Students should also go to www.standnow.org to learn more about STAND and what they do to help the people suffering in Darfur.

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FEATURED BLOGGER | ERIC HILTNER



"I think that whoever came up for the names of the letters in the English alphabet needs to be kicked in the grill."

COLUMNIST | BRIAN O'MALLEY

Heart attacks not being prevented

James Pettry, 74, of Lafayette, Ind., woke up one morning with chest pains. His wife, Mary, called 911 in fear that he was suffering from a heart attack. The paramedic in the ambulance told the couple that a heart attack seemed likely. They went to the emergency room and the doctor on call sent him home diagnosing him with anxiety. The next day, James Pettry was dead. Of professionals that are trusted and respected by the average person, doctors probably rank high on that list. The story in Wednesday's USA Today about Pettry might change that for some people; myself included. According to the story, more than 1,000 people die the same way every year. One in 50 heart attack victims are mistakenly sent home by ER doctors, researchers from New England Medical Center in Boston reported in April of 2000. There isn't a foolproof test to detect heart attacks, but since this number is so large and seems to stay consistent, something should be done about it. Think about the way Mary Pettry must feel. She did everything right. She did enough to save her husband from a fatal heart attack. But because yet another doctor was unable to make the correct diagnosis, Mary was stripped of her husband. "It seems like I lost somebody unnecessarily, like there could have been something done," she said. This is a trend that has to stop. And the first step in stopping a deadly trend is noticing it. Well now that this situation has been discovered, something should be done. Just letting doctors know of the commonness of misdiagnosed heart attacks, can go a long way in preventing these things from happening. In the same USA Today story a heart attack victim named Rick Gustafson, a friend of the Pettry family, sought a second opinion after a doctor sent him away. He lives today because he ventured for more help and because he knew of Pettry's death. It shouldn't take second opinions. Doctors should take it upon themselves to spend more time with each patient. If they have to put the patient in the hospital over night, then so be it. Joseph Ornato, professor and chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center in Richmond, said he has researched the numbers of misdiagnosed heart attacks. "It is the horns of the dilemma. On one hand, there are limitations to the diagnostic tools, and they are very real limitations," Ornato said. "The electrocardiogram is the first screening tool, and it's only going to pick up, on a good day, 70 percent to 75 percent of heart attacks." If doctors know that and still rely on this equipment to make the correct diagnosis, then that's a problem. From now on, any time a patient comes in saying "heart attack," the doctor involved should treat the patient as if they have one before sending them home to get worse, or possibly die.

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CAMPUS | CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Scholastic Bowl expands with new members

By Amanda Abbatte
Staff Correspondent

Identify the infectious disease of cattle and sheep whose name is derived from the Greek word for “carbuncle” and whose causative microorganism can be used in germ warfare to infect humans.

Michael Cuddy knows the answer is Anthrax.

Last year, Cuddy, a senior chemistry major, and Matt Niemerg, a junior math major, decided to establish a college-level Scholastic Bowl club at Eastern.

These two founding fathers of this newly recognized student organization were involved in Scholastic Bowl throughout high school and came to college realizing Eastern did not offer such programs.

Cuddy, the club president, is impressed with the number of members who have joined and expects it to continue to expand.

The club started off with about 10 members and increased in popularity this year with 16 to 20 active members, said Christopher Kromphardt, a sophomore political science major.

During meetings, members divide into teams of three and four and compete in a head-to-head competition that involves an array



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SCHOLASTIC BOWL

Members of the club Scholastic Bowl team compete by buzzing in. The team has 16-20 members. Most of the members competed on their respective high school Scholastic Bowl teams.

of academic questions ranging from art to English and math to pop culture.

“It is such a relaxed atmosphere,” Cuddy said.

“It is not something you can really practice for,” said Bonnie

Irwin, dean of the Honors College and an English professor, “You just have to know the material.”

So far, members of the club only compete against each other.

However, Kromphardt said they hope to expand and compete against

other colleges in the future.

“Right now, we are just trying to get the foundation down for the organization,” Cuddy said. “We do not have the resources and the numbers yet, but it is definitely something to look forward to in the

future.”

The majority of the members are honors students and competed in Scholastic Bowl while in high school, Irwin said.

However, she said everyone is invited to join. The club is also involved in high school scholastic bowls.

Every February, Cuddy helps coordinate the annual Scholastic Bowl tournament for area high school teams sponsored by the Honors College.

“Members of the bowl are very eager to moderate these high school competitions,” Cuddy said.

Last year, they worked with University Board and organized a Collegiate Bowl Tournament, a philanthropy for the Charleston Food Pantry. The entry fee for the event was non-perishable goods.

The tournament was open up to all students with teams ranging from fraternities to departments and from RSOs to groups of friends.

“There was a nice mix of people,” Cuddy said. “Ten teams competed in the tournament.”

Club members want to organize another philanthropy before the holidays.

The Scholastic Bowl meets at 6 p.m., every Thursday, in the Sullivan Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

CAMPUS | GREEK LIFE

Sorority, fraternity councils treat faculty to breakfast

By Kaitlyn Lonkar
Staff Reporter

The PanHellenic Council and Interfraternity Council treated professors to breakfast Wednesday.

When the organizers entered the Bridge Lounge in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, there were not many attendees, but soon coffee and conversation began to flow.

Kara Shively, a junior communications major, vice president internal of PanHellenic Council and member of Alpha Gamma Delta, helped to organize the Faculty Appreciation

Breakfast on Wednesday morning.

“I was really happy with the turnout because it went much better than last year,” she said.

The breakfast is Greek life’s way of thanking faculty members for all they have done for them. The PanHellenic Council and Interfraternity Council try to host a breakfast, luncheon or dinner once a semester to get more interaction between faculty and students.

Greek life shows its appreciation in many different ways than appreciation breakfasts. Each month, a Golden Apple Award is given out to the teacher who has the best

recommendation.

Shively and Mike Hilty, a junior English major and member of Delta Sigma Phi, want faculty to know that they don’t have to be involved in Greek life to attend these types of events. They simply want more of a faculty-student bond.

Shively and Hilty sent out flyers and invitations and put a flyer in the bulletin to get as much attendance as possible.

“Mike and I both had some of our professors come and we talked about the parade, homecoming, and past and future Greek life,” Shively said.

English professor David Raybin was one

faculty member who attended. The breakfast was one of the few Raybin has been able to attend.

“I feel very appreciated,” he said, “I have come one year before, but it has been quite awhile, and I think it is a nice idea when students invite faculty members to meet.”

Student-faculty interaction has caught on quickly with Greek life. Shively and Hilty are tossing around ideas of how they can better involve students and faculty.

They said ideas such as when a better time of the day or the week is but either way they are very hopeful that this tradition will stay alive throughout their chapters.

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Couple return to Kentucky from Illinois to face murder charges

» A couple accused of kidnapping the woman's 9-month-old son from a social worker who later was found dead were returned Wednesday to face murder and kidnapping charges in their native Kentucky, six days after they were caught by the FBI in Illinois.

Police from Henderson, Ky., drove Renee Terrell and her boyfriend, Christopher Wayne Luttrell, from southern Illinois in separate vehicles, Henderson police Sgt. John Nevels said.

The two had been in separate jails since Friday, when they agreed in an East St. Louis federal court to be returned to Kentucky to face charges they killed social worker Boni Frederick then abducted Terrell's 10-month-old son Frederick had brought by for a visit.

Three days after 67-year-old Frederick's beaten body was found, FBI agents arrested Terrell, 33, and Luttrell, 23, on Oct. 19 in a trailer where they sought shelter near Godfrey, Ill., about 30 miles north of St. Louis.

The baby was found unharmed and since has been returned to his foster parents in Union County, Ky.

Goodfield farm implement plant to close, will lose 200 workers

» GOODFIELD — More than 200 workers will lose their jobs next year when a plant that makes farm implements closes in this small central Illinois town, officials said Wednesday.

Goodfield's Case New Holland plant will be shuttered by the end of 2007 along with a factory with 450 employees in Belleville, Pa., according to CNH Global, a Lake Forest-based company that manufactures farm and construction equipment.

The closings will save money by streamlining manufacturing operations, said company spokesman Thomas Witom.

Work from the shuttered plants will be shifted to factories with excess production capacity in the U.S., Canada and Poland.

STATE | FISHING



KAREN SHERLOCK | MCT

A silver carp leaps into the air behind the boat of Orion Briney as he fishes for bighead carp on the Illinois River, near Rome.

STATE | ELECTIONS

Indicted leader due in court

Governor says he fears nothing from former fundraiser

The Associated Press



CHICAGO — Gov. Rod Blagojevich said Wednesday he has nothing to fear from an indicted political insider who's expected to plead guilty in federal court later this week, even as Republican Judy Baar Topinka's campaign tried to more closely link the two.

Millionaire campaign contributor Stuart Levine, who faces two indictments in a federal corruption investigation for influence-peddling on two state boards, is due in court Friday. His attorney has said Levine is cooperating with prosecutors and expects to plead guilty.

Recently, top Blagojevich fundraiser Antoin "Tony" Rezko was added to one of those indictments, accused of plotting with Levine to shake down investment firms seeking business from the state. If Levine pleads guilty, he and federal prosecutors are likely to provide more detail about his crimes and other people who might be

involved.

"I know what the truth is and ... I firmly believe that the truth will, as the old saying goes, set you free," said Blagojevich, who has not been charged with any crimes.

But the Topinka camp said a fundraising trip Blagojevich took with Levine raises serious questions.

Her campaign called on Blagojevich to disclose what was discussed during an October 2003 flight that Blagojevich made with Levine and attorney Joseph Cari, who already has pleaded guilty.

Sen. Kirk Dillard dubbed the jet which Levine paid for the "Shakedown Shuttle."

"He acts like he doesn't know Levine. What was discussed on this flight?" the Hinsdale Republican and ardent Topinka supporter said.

STATE | ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE

State jobs applicants go public

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office has concluded that names and qualifications of unsuccessful state job applicants should be released to the public, but Gov. Rod Blagojevich's administration says it won't comply.

The administration should heed its own rule that explicitly defines so-called "eligible lists" as public records, an aide to Madigan wrote in a letter to the governor's office and his Department of Central Management Services.

Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, The Associated Press requested the names and credentials of unsuccessful candidates for jobs filled in 2003.

Agencies under the Democratic governor hired the son-in-law of a Democratic congressman to be a pilot and the son of a St. Clair County Blagojevich campaign contributor as a prison business administrator.

The information on other job applicants could shed light on whether more qualified people were passed over. Central Management Services argues the information is private, although it released the eligible list for a different state job last fall.

CMS says it is bound by a 1984 federal appeals court decision from Virginia that barred disclosing job applicants' names under the federal FOIA.

Madigan's public access counselor, Terry Mutchler, wrote to Blagojevich attorney William Quinlan and CMS Director Paul Campbell last week.

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Bush unhappy with Iraq War

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Many Americans are unhappy with the war in Iraq, and President Bush said Wednesday he is dissatisfied, too.

But he does not want the United States to change direction, pull out or set timetables for withdrawal.

Bush came to the White House's East Room and delivered an impassioned defense of the long and unpopular war, arguing that to leave now would mean defeat.

His appearance came 13 days before elections in which Republicans fear Iraq could cost them control of the House, Senate or both.

While saying he was open to recommendations from a blue-ribbon commission exploring U.S. options in Iraq, Bush cautioned, "The road to victory will not be easy. We should not expect a simple solution."

"Our goals are unchanging," the president said. "We are flexible in our methods to achieving those goals."

Bush expressed unwavering confidence in Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, the U.S. generals running the war and Iraq's prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, despite new strains between Baghdad and Washington.

"The ultimate accountability rests with me," Bush said of Iraq. "If people are unhappy about it, look



CHUCK KENNEDY | MCT

President George W. Bush holds a new conference in the East Room of the Washington, D.C.

right to the president."

He spoke at an hourlong news conference dominated by Iraq questions.

Despite polls suggesting a Democratic takeover of at least the House, Bush said he was confident Republicans would prevail. Dismissing Democrats' hopes,

Bush said, "We've got some people dancing in the end zone here in Washington, D.C., ... measuring their drapes."

Now in its fourth year, the war is the top campaign issue.

A majority of Americans are opposed to Bush's handling of Iraq, and increasing numbers of Republican candidates have signaled impatience with the president's policies as U.S. deaths have climbed above 2,800.

Bush indicated he shared the public's frustration even as he pushed back against calls for troop withdrawals.

"I know many Americans are not satisfied with the situation in Iraq," he said in a lengthy statement before taking questions.

"I'm not satisfied either." October has been the deadliest month this year for American forces, and the war soon will have lasted longer than U.S. involvement in World War II.

"The events of the past month have been a serious concern to me and a serious concern to the American people," the president said.

Bush said the United States was changing tactics to deal with circumstances in Iraq but shouldn't change the overall direction of the war.

"Absolutely, we're winning," the president asserted.

Bush voiced confidence in al-Maliki, calling him "the right man" for Iraq now.

In Baghdad, the Iraqi leader took a hard slap at the United States for a raid by U.S. and Iraqi forces on the stronghold of a Shiite militia led by a radical anti-American cleric on whom Al-Maliki relies for political support.

Al-Maliki said the raid "will not be repeated."

Al-Maliki also criticized the top U.S. military and diplomatic representatives in Iraq for saying his government needed to set a timetable to curb violence in the country.

"I affirm that this government represents the will of the people, and no one has the right to impose a timetable on it," he said.

New Jersey court opens door to gay marriage

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — New Jersey's highest court opened the door Wednesday to making the state the second in the nation to allow gay marriage, ruling that lawmakers must offer same-sex couples either marriage or something like it, such as civil unions.

In a ruling that fell short of what either side wanted or feared, the

state Supreme Court declared 4-3 that gay couples are entitled to the same rights as heterosexual ones.

The justices gave lawmakers 180 days to rewrite the laws.

The ruling is similar to the 1999 high-court ruling in Vermont that led the state to create civil unions, which confer all of the rights and benefits available to married couples under state law.

"Although we cannot find that

a fundamental right to same-sex marriage exists in this state, the unequal dispensation of rights and benefits to committed same-sex partners can no longer be tolerated under our state Constitution," Justice Barry T. Albin wrote for the four-member majority.

The court said the Legislature "must either amend the marriage statutes to include same-sex couples or create a parallel statutory structure" that gives gays all the privileges and obligations married couples have.

The three dissenters argued that

the majority did not go far enough. They demanded full marriage for gays.

Gay rights activists had seen New Jersey as a promising place because it is a largely Democratic state in the Northeast.

The only state to allow gay marriage is Massachusetts.

The only states allowing civil unions are Vermont and Connecticut.

New Jersey is also one of just five states that have no law or constitutional amendment expressly banning gay marriage.

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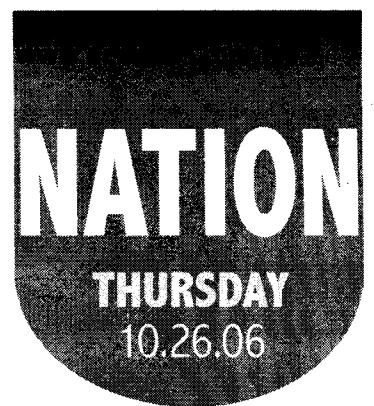
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Rolling, 52, was pronounced dead at 6:13 p.m. EDT, more than 16 years after his killing rampage at the start of the University of Florida's fall semester.

The bodies of his victims were found over three days in late August, just as the University of Florida's fall semester was beginning.

All had been killed with a hunting knife. Some had been mutilated, sexually assaulted and put in shocking poses. One girl's severed head had been placed on a shelf, her body posed as if seated.

The killing spree touched off a huge manhunt and plunged the laid-back college town into panic.

Students fled and residents armed themselves.

Anti-terrorist programs progress costing millions

» WASHINGTON — Two anti-terrorism ID programs have been sent back to the drawing board and a third is being farmed out to private companies after costing hundreds of millions of dollars.

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» Buses

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Students would no longer have to ask for their grades, fewer grade appeals would be heard if students are aware of their grades and faculty could make curriculum changes using WebCT were pros given for WebCT usage.

The proposal is for 100 percent of the faculty to be trained on WebCT by April 30, 2007, having 100 percent of the faculty posting grades on WebCT by Aug. 31, 2007.

While there was substantial support in the Student Senate, there were some concerns.

How can Student Senate tell faculty how to teach their class, asked Student Senate

member Mark Bates.

Student Senate member Isaac Sandidge was concerned about the personal interactions between students an faculty.

This may be a start as quizzes and tests may be placed on it, he said.

Students would be able to find discrepancies in their grades, said Student Senate member Jeff Melanson.

The next step is to present WebCT to Faculty Senate. Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, will decide on the proposal after getting recommendations from students and faculty, Anderson said.

“The ultimate decision and the enforcing is up to him (Lord),” Anderson said. “He is where the dollar ends.”

» Flames

FROM PAGE 1

The phone, however, was in the car at the time of the fire. The car had been parked in the second-to-last spot in the W lot.

After speaking with police, the owner paused to let the smoke clear out of the cab before collecting a pair of shoes, duffle bag and some books. Nothing in the cab was damaged.

The car was towed at 5:21 p.m.

Police and firefighters didn’t know what caused the fire, but guessed it was something electrical.

The smell of burning plastic and wiring made breathing difficult.

Something like this happens a few times each year, said Tim Meister, captain of Charleston Fire and Rescue.

When the department gets a call saying a car is on fire, sometimes it’s the real thing and sometimes it’s only smoke, Meister said.

» Beowulf

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Interested parties can attend two lectures Friday that are open to the public. They will delve into “Beowulf” beyond literature.

Allen J. Frantzen, English professor and Loyola Faculty Scholar at the University of Chicago, wants his lecture to be an hour and 15 minutes long.

“He wanted to talk for a half an hour and have half an hour of discussion,” Raybin said.

Frantzen will present a workshop on the archaeology, social space and heroic drama. Frantzen has gone on archaeology sites in Norway, where he has been conducting research on early medieval spaces and artifacts.

“I heard from a friend of mine that had him as a teacher in grad school that he is the best teacher at Loyola,” Raybin said.

The second main speaker of the conference is Charles Wright, professor of English at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Wright is a specialist in Anglo-Saxon language and literature.

“Wright is the Anglo Saxonist,” Raybin said.

The main purpose of the 16th literature conference is for high school teachers of Illinois to talk with other high school teachers about issues related to their jobs the public would not be interested in. Edwards said this is why some of the workshop sessions are

EVENT SCHEDULE

“Beowulf and Grendel”

» **What:** Feature film by Sturla Gunnarsson; a reception will follow

» **When:** 7 p.m.

» **Where:** Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

“Inside and Outside the Halls of ‘Beowulf’ – Archaeology, Social Space and Heroic Drama”

» **What:** Presentation by Allen J. Frantzen, Loyola University-Chicago

» **When:** 9 a.m. Friday

» **Where:** Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

“Death, Demonology and Hell in ‘Beowulf’”

» **What:** Lecture workshop with Charles Wright, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

» **When:** 1:15 p.m. Friday

» **Where:** Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

closed to the public.

“Because paying guest(s) paid for the conference,” Edward explained. “We want people to have interaction with the speakers.”

Eastern’s English department faculty members will lead six workshops with the help of some other faculty members from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Kent State University. These workshops have been filled to the capacity to allow discussion.

Students are printing, clearly

NIU professors: Cursive is becoming less common

U-Wire

DEKALB – Most students can remember learning the loops and swoops of cursive writing in elementary school, but some elementary education professors and students ponder how important cursive is in today’s society.

In the age of the Internet and word processors, many students have turned to electronic sources to get their writing done.

“Naturally, people prefer using the computer because the results are fast and legible,” said Pamela Farris,

professor of literacy education at Northern Illinois University. “In our society, we pursue the ‘get it done ASAP’ approach to our work.”

However, computers are not solely to blame. Other factors as to why children are not using cursive include low teacher expectations, Farris said.

“The blame, I think, should go on the parents,” said Jacklyn Trznadel, junior elementary education major. “They need to be helping their children at home (with cursive writing) on a daily basis.”

Regardless of the reason, some experts contend that cursive writing seems to be taking a backseat to word processors and print writing.

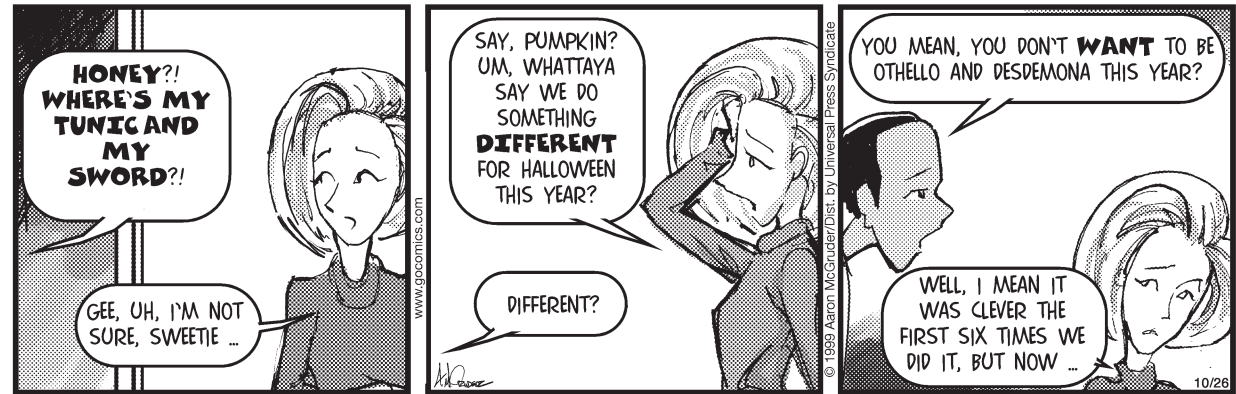
“Children are coming into school with not much experience in writing,” Trznadel said. “If parents took more time to teach their children writing, the children would be able to understand cursive more.”

“Teachers now are more likely to be excited the students can even write in print, so they don’t bother as much with cursive.”

Despite the growing use of computers in today’s society, some say cursive writing is still an important skill.

“I don’t think cursive is a waste of time at all,” Trznadel said. “I think that cursive writing is important because it is more proper.”

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Note: The four unclued answers are synonymous.

- ACROSS**

1 Part of the head

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9 ___ Bay, Sunshine Skyway locale

14 Foreign friend

15 Child’s plea

16 Night hunter

17 Novelist ___ Mae Brown

18 Roughly

19 “The Winslow Boy” screenwriter/director David

20 See note

23 Nancy Drew’s beau

24 Zigs

25 It may be sweet or hard

28 River to the North Sea

29 Big inits. in bowling

32 Crucifix

33 Whup

34 Shire dweller
- 36 See note

39 Like a bad night’s sleep

40 Lemon or peach

41 Java neighbor

42 Scotland’s Firth of ___

43 Constraining

45 Blend

46 Actor Willem

47 Presidential nickname

48 See note

54 Eponym of a physics lab near Chicago

55 ___ Novello Award for songwriters

56 ___ Oscar (entree)

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Karen M. Tracey

- 11 Actress Rogers

12 Meter reader?

13 Ones heading for the hills?

21 Comparative suffix

22 Giggle

25 Tenant farm, in Britain

26 Aegean region

27 A bit crazy

28 Auxiliary service member, once

29 Presidential middle name

30 Music’s ___ Vanilli

31 Army post near Mt. Holly, N.J.
- 33 “L’chaim,” literally

35 “Gilligan’s Island” star

37 Table

38 QB’s cry

44 Chocolate maker

45 “Aladdin” monkey

46 Curses

47 Aircraft parking spot

48 [Fizz]le

49 Sci-fi princess

50 Start of a Cockney toast

51 “And ___ bed”

52 Small change

53 Skyline obscurer

57 Acapulco article

MEN'S BASKETBALL | INCOMING PLAYERS

Junior college transfers looking to make mark

By Matt Daniels

Sports Editor

Julio Anthony brings toughness. Jon'Tee "Bam" Willhite brings athleticism.

Gino Myers-Kyles brings energy. And Eastern head coach Mike Miller has brought them all together.

Miller has brought in Anthony, Willhite and Myers-Kyles, all junior college transfer guards, to help Eastern try and recover from a 2005 record of 6-21.

"We're deeper with our perimeter play," Miller said. "We're more athletic with our perimeter play."

The trio of junior college transfers can be thanked for in that regard. Willhite and Anthony were signed last April. Myers-Kyles, son of former Chicago Bulls guard and current Bulls assistant coach Pete Myers, signed in late June.

Miller said Anthony, a 6-foot-4 inch, 190-pound guard from Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City, Kan., is like a facilitator on the court.

"He helps other people play," Miller said. "I believe your best teams have players who make others better and that may not be your leading scorer but they need to make the game easier. And he does that."

What he's also done is bring a sense of leadership to the team. Something that is noticeable even among guys his same age.

"He's one of the leaders of the team," Myers-Kyles said. "He's one of the guys I really listen to, even though he's a junior like me."

Anthony averaged 13 points per game, to go along with four rebounds and four assists last season for Cowley County while playing both as a point guard and as a shooting guard. He is expected



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Junior guard Julio Anthony, right, defends junior guard Jon'Tee "Bam" Willhite in Lantz Arena at practice Wednesday evening. Anthony and Willhite, along with Gino Myers-Kyle, are new junior college transfers.

to help returning Ohio Valley Conference freshman of the year Mike Robinson with the point guard duties.

"In high school I was a slasher,

I'd never really been a point guard," Anthony said. "When I went to junior college I played a little bit of point guard."

Willhite, at 6-foot-1 and 180

pounds from Triton Community College in River Grove, is considered to be the most athletic player on Eastern's roster by his coaches and teammates.

"I like to penetrate and create," said Willhite, who had his first dunk when he was a sophomore in high school at Loy Norrix High in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Willhite was what the Panthers were looking for to fill an athletic type player at the guard spot, said assistant coach Chad Altadonna.

"He's got a great motor," said Altadonna, who, along with Miller, was the main recruiting contact for Willhite. "He's always running and plays with a high energy level."

Anthony and Willhite were players the Eastern coaching staff were looking at all season, but found out about Myers-Kyles through his father.

Miller and Altadonna were up in Chicago recruiting last December and ran into Pete Myers. Myers mentioned to Miller he had a son playing down in Alabama. The coaching staff checked it out and seven months later Myers-Kyles was a Panther.

Myers-Kyles, 6-foot-4 and 190 pounds, averaged close to 15 points per game for Faulkner State Community College in Bay Minette, Ala., a school he said had "600 people there in the whole school ... and some cows."

The junior college transfers know they are being counted upon to help turn the program around. And all three are well aware they have only have two years of NCAA eligibility left.

"Our main goal is to win games and do better things than last year," Anthony said.

Miller is expecting the trio to help turn the program around. And bring with them their toughness, athleticism and energy.

"They need to bring a sense of urgency," Miller said. "They need to bring the experience that they have."

» Waltasti

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And don't forget his awful second interception, practically a hand-off to Giants defensive tackle Fred Robbins. (Although I do love fat-man interceptions, remember Keith Traylor in 2001?)

Despite all the mistakes Romo did just fine in his first start of the season.

He made quicker, more accurate throws than Bledsoe did in the first half and Romo's

second touchdown pass, a 53-yard rocket to Patrick Crayton, was perfectly thrown with Crayton never having to break stride to catch it.

When Romo came in for Bledsoe during the Cowboys blowout victory against the Houston Texans on Oct. 15, he completed both of the passes he threw. One of them was a touchdown to Terrell Owens.

Romo also found Owens in the end zone Monday night. It appears that T.O. and Romo have some chemistry on the field.

Like Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez earned the nickname "Bennifer," Romo and Owens

could become "To-Mo." Or maybe not.

Romo will take his licks against a stud Panther defensive line, but he will be OK. Every time Romo can avoid a sack and complete a pass downfield instead, Parcells will be happy. So will Owens, who knows exactly what Romo is going through.

While Owens was a third round draft pick by the San Francisco 49ers in 1996 and Romo was undrafted (but was quickly signed afterwards by the Cowboys to a free-agent contract), Owens did play at a small college.

Owens played college football for Tennessee-Chattanooga, a I-AA school, the

same division as Eastern. To prove the stars are aligning for Romo, UTC is also where Dennis Haskins, aka Mr. Belding, graduated in 1972.

In fact, some of the most recognized names in NFL history have played I-AA football, including: T.O., Jerry Rice and Walter Payton.

And while it is unlikely Romo will be able to replicate the success of any of those three, only one thing matters right now: he is starting.

Romo is getting his chance and nobody can take that away from him, because the Tuna has made it official.

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WOMEN’S SOCCER | EASTERN AT ILLINOIS STATE

Melinauskas’ return to action

Panthers to play instate rival prior to conference tourney

By Kevin Murphy
Staff Reporter

The bench was cheering up and down the sidelines yelling her name.

“Pam, Pam” could be heard across the field.

Sophomore forward Pam Melinauskas entered her first game of the season on Sept. 29 against Southeast Missouri at Lakeside Field.

“I just go out there and do my best. (I) hope for the best,” Melinauskas said.

Melinauskas’ return has made a mark on the team.

She scored and recorded two assists in Eastern’s 3-0 win on Oct. 13 against Eastern Kentucky at Lakeside Field.

“I was really happy for her (in her return),” said junior forward Michelle Steinhaus.

Melinauskas was named Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

“It’s a good ego boost for Pam because she had to work pretty hard to come back from her injury,” said Eastern head coach Tim Nowak.

“It was a definitely a team effort,” Melinauskas said.

What kept Melinauskas from playing the non-conference season and a few of the conference games was an ankle injury before the season had started.

“She was so bummed out about being hurt,” Steinhaus said.

MICHELLE STEINHAUS | JUNIOR FORWARD

“She’s very positive, she’s motivated to work hard. She’s someone that’ll push you and be right there with you and make sure you through things. It’s a good feeling to know you have someone there with you.”

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE WOMEN’S SOCCER STANDINGS

1. Samford	6-0-3
2. Morehead State	5-1-3
3. Eastern	4-1-4
4. Southeast Missouri	4-3-1
5. Austin Peay	3-4-2
6. Tennessee-Martin	2-3-4
7. Jacksonville State	3-5-1
8. Murray State	2-4-3
9. Eastern Kentucky	2-5-2
10. Tennessee Tech	1-6-2

OVC Tournament starts Oct. 31. Open round matches at host campus fields. Eastern hosts Tennessee-Martin at Lakeside Field Oct. 31.

Semi-final and championship will be held Nov. 3-5 at Samford in Birmingham, Ala.

Melinauskas worked through her injury through various tasks while preparing to return to action.

“(I worked on) my ankle strength. I did ankle exercises, pumps, heel raises and balancing,” Melinauskas said.

Melinauskas started full

practice six and a half weeks after her injury.

Before that she would pass the ball with freshman goalkeeper Jenny Williams and assist the coaches.

Melinauskas is now well rested because of her injury.

She didn’t look at it that way from the bench.

She cited some goals, “just to get better. To make sure I was 100 percent. To not let the team down.”

“She’s awesome in the classroom, she’s very vocal and very encouraging and does the same thing when she’s on the field as well,” Steinhaus said.

Melinauskas demonstrates good leadership qualities on the field as well.

“She’s very positive, she’s motivated to work hard,” Steinhaus said. “She’s someone that’ll push you and be right there with you and make sure you get through things. It’s a good feeling to know you have someone there with you.”

Melinauskas and senior midfielder Trisha Walter set a new Eastern record during Sunday’s 2-0 win against Jacksonville St.

They scored 19 seconds apart to break the old record of 27 seconds set by Morgan Frericks and Katie Siwicke in 2002 at

Skyhawks

FROM PAGE 12

“(The old building) was leaky, ugly and a place we never took recruits into at all.”

In January 2006, Simpson began to set the new expectations and how it was acceptable for the program to dream big.

“I said from the beginning that it was okay to start thinking about winning OVC championships,” Simpson said. “This year, every game we do win is another milestone for this program.”

A win against the Panthers would be UTM’s seventh win in 2006 which is something the Skyhawk fans haven’t witness since 1988. In addition, Sports Network’s Matt Dougherty has UTM as a potential at-large team if they can get through OVC play with only one loss. The league hasn’t gotten multiple bids since 2002 and UTM has yet to see postseason play as a I-AA program.

“Obviously, this program is not used to winning,” Simpson said. “I don’t know if everybody knows what to expect.”

Simpson was one of the many candidates that applied for the vacancy last offseason.

That was a change of pace from the lack of excitement over the negative perception at UTM in the last 10 years when the Skyhawks went 18-84.

“The pool of candidates was five times better than previous

searches,” Dane said. “I can’t blame coaches and athletes not wanting to come to a program with a tradition of losing.”

UTM now has many new things to be excited about including six straight wins, the highest poll ranking in school history and the potential for an undefeated I-AA season along with its first ever Ohio Valley Conference championship.

“The small town atmosphere revolves around the university and it’s important that we get that emotional support,” Simpson said.

Starting with former coach Matt Griffin (now at Murray State) and continuing through Simpson, UTM is starting to recruit high-quality athletes like former 4-year starting quarterback Brady Wahlberg and 2006 Butkus Award candidate Markeseo Jackson.

This happens even though they have to compete locally for prospects with OVC rivals Tennessee Tech and Tennessee State.

“They’ve done a tremendous job,” said Tennessee Tech acting head coach Doug Malone. “As successful as they’ve been, yeah, maybe it’s a little bit because of the new staff.”

Being the only Division I athletic program in west Tennessee, the Skyhawks are starting to go after high school seniors that would’ve been out of their grasp before the new facility and scholarship money.

“I can’t say enough about what Matt Griffin started there and Jason has just continued that this season,” Hutson said.

The key for the coaching staff is to maintain winning consistency in a program known for losing.

“We had one of the best Division II programs in the country 20 years ago and then stood pat,” Dane said. “We have to prove this isn’t just a glitch and not let people pass us by again.”



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2 p.m. Martin, Tenn.

JOE WALTASTI | THE EXTRA POINT

After three
years, it's
Romo time

It's official.
Tony Romo will be the starting
quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys
on Sunday against the Carolina
Panthers.
A former Panther will now lead
"America's Team" as head coach Bill
Parcells finally saw enough of Drew
Bledsoe getting sacked and sacked
and sacked again and decided
to give Romo, the 2002 Walter
Payton Award winner, his chance
at the helm.
Parcells said in a press conference
Wednesday afternoon "the way
(the Cowboys are) structured right
now, (Romo) might be able to do a
couple of things for us."

What that means is the Cowboys'
offensive line is so horrendous
that statuesque Bledsoe could not
survive behind it.
Romo can run or, more
accurately, flee defenders as they
crush the pocket around him.

During the Cowboys 36-22 loss
Monday to the New York Giants,
you could see how the Cowboys
plan to use Romo.

He was rolling out and shooting
through holes in the pocket, getting
free and completing passes.

Romo played the entire second
half and finished 14 of 25 for 227
yards.

The three-year Eastern starter
also connected for two touchdowns
and three interceptions.

While he did look frightened
with Michael Strahan and Co.
coming down on him, but who
wouldn't be.

» SEE WALTASTI
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | RACHEL GALLIGAN

Center of Attention

Coming off a breakout
freshman season,
Galligan looks to make
'huge, huge jump'

By Marc Correnti
Staff Reporter

During a women's basketball
practice last week, sophomore
center Rachel Galligan grabbed a
rebound, passed it to sophomore
guard Megan Edwards who led a
fast break before finding Galligan
trailing the play for an easy lay-
up.

A moment later, Galligan
grabbed the rebound again,
but was stripped of the ball by
sophomore forward Julie Lipperd,
who scored.

Eastern coach Brady Sallee
stared a hole through the reigning
Ohio Valley Conference Freshman
of the Year, showing disgust.

It was that kind of year for
Galligan last season as she had
a tremendous amount of head-
turning games as well as head-
scratching ones.

There were times when she
would be in early foul trouble or
be in a position where she couldn't
quite match up with some of
the OVC's powers, like against
Tennessee-Martin's Andreika
Jackson (30 points, 19 rebounds).

In her first collegiate start
Lantz Arena was her debut against
Butler, where she dominated with
11 points, 10 rebounds and six
blocks.

Without a game being played
yet, it's hard to tell which Galligan
will be on display this season.

But, one thing remains certain.
All the talk about the Panthers'
season centers on their sophomore
center.

"I think in order for us to do
what we want to do this year, she
has to make a very nice progression
and go from being somebody
considered the best freshman in
the league to one of the top 10



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore Rachel Galligan defends freshman guard Ashley Thomas during practice Tuesday afternoon in Lantz Arena. Galligan was named freshman of the year in the Ohio Valley Conference following last season.

players in the league," Sallee said.
"That's a huge, huge jump."

While it may be a big leap for
Galligan, the Panthers' switch to a
"four out, one in" offense seems to
point to a change in philosophy.
Whereas last year, the Panthers
were more perimeter-based with
Megan Sparks, they will look
to Galligan this year, in hopes
of fueling the newly installed
offense.

"Our offense really depends on
someone being big in the middle,"

said sophomore guard Ellen
Canale. "(Galligan) can do a lot
for us, and I think our perimeter
players can take some pressure off
her as well."

That's the hope for Sallee
and the Panthers. With the new
offense, Sallee expects more double
teams for Galligan, leaving more
space for his perimeter players.

"If the person inside doesn't
demand double teams," Sallee
said. "It makes it tougher to
spread the floor. We really gotta

have a presence on the block."
Sallee pointed to last season,
saying Sparks drew most of the
opponent's attention, allowing
Galligan to go one-on-one.

"Now, (Galligan) is going to be
the one teams try to take out right
off the bat," Sallee said.

Galligan said that last year was
a learning experience, admitting
that the toughest part was "being
able to hold your own."

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Simpson rebuilding Skyhawks

Tennessee-Martin
surprise Ohio Valley
contender this season

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For the last decade, the
Tennessee-Martin football
program has been nothing short
of a running comedy routine.
Coaches were getting fired,
scholarships were cut and the
Skyhawks were on the wrong side
of constant blowouts.

In 2006, the Skyhawks are
trying to prove the joke is on
everybody else.

"I could tell this was a program
striving for success once I got
here," said UTM head coach
Jason Simpson. "The culture and
mentality had to change."

The laughing stock of the
Ohio Valley Conference suffered
41 straight league defeats from
1997 to mid-2003.

"Four years ago you could mark
them down in the preseason as a
win," Eastern acting head coach

Mark Hutson said. "They are no
longer that gimme game."

As the Skyhawk faithful
prepare for Homecoming, UTM
is set to take the field in arguably
the biggest regular season game in
school history.

"There's more buzz around
the program than ever before,"
Tennessee-Martin athletic director
Phil Dane said.

For the first time since 2002,
OVC ranked teams face off in
a game that will have playoff
consequences.

"We have to win a big
ballgame," Simpson said. "We
can't come close, we have to do
it."

The UTM program hit rock
bottom in 2002 when it ended
the season with a five-year I-AA
losing streak that extended to 49
games.

"They weren't even rebuilding,"
said Eastern defensive coordinator
Roc Bellantoni. "I remember
going down there with only 50
people in the stands and they were
running a option offense because
they didn't have the talent to do

anything else."

At that point, the people of
Martin, with a population of just
over 10,000, were turning their
attention and coverage to the
local high school program.

Tennessee-Martin found itself
competing in terms of attendance
with the more successful Westview
High School. The AA high school
team had nine playoff appearances
in the decade where UTM was
struggling for wins.

"I was telling somebody this
morning how exciting it is how
we are doing so well and receiving
more attention with the local high
school experiencing a down year,"
Dane said.

The mentality changed with
two crucial decisions: the hiring
of new chancellor Nick Dunagan
and the building of a \$3.5
million Martin Regional Sports
Complex.

"After being in a building
built in 1927 and never been
renovated, we were in dire need
for better facilities," Dane said.

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MEN'S SOCCER |

EASTERN 1, VALPARAISO 0

PANTHERS WIN 10TH GAME

Sophomore Adam Gartner scored
his third goal of the season to lead
the Panthers to their 10th win of the
season.

Gartner's goal came in the 57th minute
off Mick Galeski's pass inside the goal
box.



Adam Gartner
Sophomore
midfielder

It was Galeski's
team leading
sixth assist of
the season.

Sophomore
goalkeeper
Mark Hansen
recorded two
saves and the
clean sheet
victory.

Hansen was
back in the net
at Valparaiso
after senior Paul

Jennison started four games in a row.
Hansen's last start was against Western
Kentucky Oct. 4 but came out of the
game at halftime.

The Panthers split their two non-
conference games during a two-week
break in Missouri Valley Conference
play.

Eastern returns to MVC play this
weekend when the Panthers travel to
Des Moines, Iowa, to take on Drake.